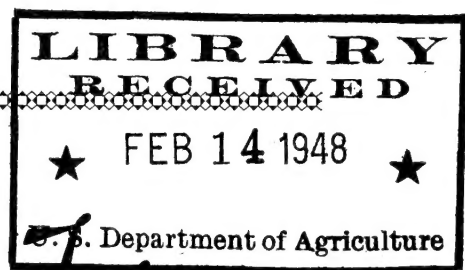


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CATALOGUE OF
Strawberry Plants
Vegetable Plants
Flower Plants
Nursery Stock
Seeds and
Garden Supplies

"Specializing In Strawberry Plants"

Connecticut Nursery Registration No. 169

CHARLES K. CRARY

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NORWICH,

CONNECTICUT

SOME HELPFUL FACTS

Strawberries are one of the few fruit crops from which the grower may obtain a return on his investment in a comparatively short time. Only one year intervenes from the time of planting until the crop of luscious berries is ready to harvest.

The best plants obtainable are those which come from a well grown nearby bed. Strawberry plants can be shipped some distance successfully, but even then northern grown plants are preferred to southern plants because of the difference in advancement of the season and the prevalence of certain insects and diseases in the south.

If the plants cannot be set out immediately on their arrival they should be put into cold storage or "Heeled in" temporarily. To "heel in" the plants, select some shady spot protected from the wind and dig a shallow trench. Then open the bundles and spread the plants out in the trench so that the roots of every plant come in contact with the soil. Finally cover the roots with soil, being careful that the crown of each plant is just at the ground level. No roots should be exposed to the air nor should the crowns be covered with soil.

Since there are strawberry varieties which are adapted to almost any type of soil from the light sandy loams to clay loams, there is no ideal strawberry soil. More important than the actual soil type is the fertility of the soil.

In setting the plants it is very important to have the crowns placed at the proper level. If the crown is set too deep, so that the growing point is covered with soil, the plant is very apt to die. On the other hand, if the crown is set so shallow that the tops of the roots are exposed, they will dry out and the plant will die. It is desirable to have the roots well spread out in planting and to firm the soil about the roots so that no air spaces are left about any of the roots.

Blossoms should be kept picked off the first year, and shallow cultivation practiced to keep the weeds down and to conserve moisture.

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To all our friends and customers:

For the past eight years I have been shipping strawberry plants to all of the New England States and many of the surrounding states. You must have been satisfied, because my business has been growing, and now I am branching out into other lines to better serve my customers.

For the first time, I am offering Burpee's Seeds, nursery stock, flower and vegetable plants, and some garden supplies. Strawberry plants will remain my specialty, however, and I will continue to cater to the home gardener and small farmer.

This past summer I have had erected a small greenhouse, and at the present time I have several hundred geraniums growing. I will very shortly be starting vegetable plants. The shipping of vegetable plants is a new venture and, for this year, will be confined to small lots.

I sincerely hope that while you are making out your order for strawberry plants you will also include an order for seeds and nursery stock. I am sure you will be satisfied.

Prices will be the same as last year for strawberry plants at the farm, but due to increased Parcel Post charges, five per cent (5%) will have to be added on all mail orders for strawberry plants only. All other stock will be shipped postpaid.

Thanks to all my old customers for their orders and I hope that I may make many new friends this spring.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES K. CRARY.

EARLY VARIETIES

PREMIER (Howard 17)

This variety is truly America's favorite strawberry; no variety ever introduced has received so much praise, or been grown profitably over so wide a section of the country. Premier's adaptability to a wide range of soil and climatic conditions, with its ability to withstand heavy frost, has made it the EARLY strawberry. Premier plants make a good fruiting bed in all types of soil, being particularly adapted to the lighter soil types.

First berries average very large, but will run down toward the end of the season, as so many berries are set on each plant.

PATHFINDER

Premier has always been the favorite variety, but now Pathfinder seems to be taking its place.

An early variety that was developed from a cross of Lupton and Aberdeen. Very productive of medium large, very uniform, smooth, attractive berries. Pathfinder is in many respects superior

to Aberdeen and yet has all the desirable points of that variety, particularly so under drought conditions.

The plants are very vigorous and immune to root diseases, resistant to both leaf spot and scorch. Makes a good fruiting row of medium large plants. The berries are medium light-red and of good quality and flavor.

MIDLAND

Although only introduced a couple of years ago, Midland has gained wide popularity and is now planted throughout most of this area. Although it is an early berry, I find that it is several days later than Premier. Midland makes a good row of large plants. The berries are larger than Premier, being very firm with a rich strawberry flavor. Recommended for freezing if you are going to slice the berries before freezing.

FAIRFAX

There is a lot of discussion pro and con over Fairfax, as to whether it is an early or a midseason berry. Whether it is early or midseason, it is surely the best tasting berry of them all, being very sweet. A Fairfax berry has a dark color and consequently is not a good market berry, because many people think it is over-ripe, when, in reality, it is just right. Fairfax makes a sturdy growth and is free from leaf spot and scorch.

MIDSEASON VARIETIES

TEMPLE

This is the new variety which has been receiving much publicity from farm magazines, and being highly recommended by many colleges and experiment stations. Named for Prof. C. E. Temple, formerly of the University of Maryland who was largely responsible for introducing this variety, Temple is from a cross of Aberdeen and Fairfax and is an exceptionally vigorous variety, making a very dense row of large plants. It is very productive, the fruit being firm and bright colored. Temple has not been injured by frost and cold in seasons when many other varieties have been seriously injured. If you have been troubled with Red Stele disease, I suggest you try this new Red Stele resistant berry. I have a good supply of Temple plants but anticipate heavy ordering of this variety, so please place your order early.

SPARKLE

A promising new variety from New Jersey. Plant growth is vigorous, dark green, making a good fruiting row. A very productive variety and as the name indicates the berries are smooth and shiny and of excellent quality. Berries run medium to large in size, similar to Pathfinder. This is one of the newer varieties which I think you should try.

ROBINSON

Also known as Scarlet Beauty, Robinson is a fairly new variety for this section, but has been planted quite extensively in Michigan.

The plants are quite productive but under good growing conditions will get too thick for best productions unless kept thinned. Fruit is medium to large in size, firm, and of bright red color. A week to 10 days later than Premier, I recommend you give them a try.

STARBRIGHT

A high quality berry but a shy plant maker. A cross of Fairfax and Chesapeake. Large firm berries make Starbright a good shipper. Not recommended north of Boston.

FAIRLAND

A new midseason variety adapted to the region where Premier is an important variety. Fairland produces many plants, resistant to Red Stele and very productive. Produces as many plants and fruit as Temple but not as good quality. If you have trouble growing a good fruiting row of Temple I suggest that you try Fairland.

LATE VARIETIES

For the past three years, I have had trouble growing a good late strawberry variety. The land I have had them on seems to be too light and dry, but I will have a few plants available in the following varieties.

FAIRPEAKE

Fairpeake will be the No. 1 late berry in a few years if present indications can be relied upon. A vigorous plant, preferring a moist soil. Fairpeake is a heavy bearer with better than average flavor. Berry size is good.

CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake is a leader among the late varieties, but is not recommended to the inexperienced grower as it is sometimes difficult to get a good fruiting row. Berries are very large of fine quality. Try this old timer this year.

REDSTAR

A variety that is vigorous and hardy and is easily grown. As a commercial or home garden berry, Redstar is as fine as could be desired. The berries average large to very large, holding their size well to the end of the season. They are conic and sometimes furrowed. The flavor is rich though quite tart until fully ripe. Color is bright red and does not turn dark, the flesh is a light bright red. The seeds are yellow and protruding, which with its bright green cap gives Redstar berries a perfect color combination.

Redstar is an especially vigorous plant maker, growing very tall with lots of leaves, thus helping to retard the ripening of the fruit. Redstar is very late, often ready for market after all other varieties are done.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

All varieties except Streamliner

25 plants	50	100	200	300	500	1000
.75	1.50	2.50	4.75	6.50	10.00	16.00

Terms: One-fourth cash with order, balance before shipment.

Please add 5% (of your total strawberry plant order) to your statement for Parcel Post charges. No shipping charge if plants are called for at farm.

MY GUARANTEE ON STRAWBERRY PLANTS

I guarantee all plants which I sell, to be freshly dug, true to name, a full count, and properly trimmed and bunched. All plants which I sell are raised on my own farm. Any plants which do not meet these standards will be replaced free of charge if I am notified within a reasonable length of time.

SHIPPING

Orders will be filled in the order that they are received, as near the date as possible. No orders will be taken after May 15th.

No C. O. D. orders will be accepted.

EVERBEARERS

STREAMLINER

While I, myself, do not think too highly of everbearers, I do have a limited quantity of Streamliner available for this spring. Streamliner has received much publicity and is proving an unusually heavy producer of large sweet berries. Does not make many plants, however. If you like everbearers, you will like streamliners.

Prices on streamliners are as follows:

25 plants for \$1.00; 50 for \$2.00; 100 for \$4.00, plus 5% charge for mail orders.

Collections

All-summer-long garden	
25 Premier	\$.75
25 Temple	.75
25 Fairpeake	.75
25 Streamliner	1.00
	\$3.25
Collection price	\$3.00

Large garden	
100 Premier	\$2.50
100 Pathfinder	2.50
100 Temple	2.50
	\$7.50
Collection price	\$7.00

Surplus plants	
100 plants	\$2.00

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS

Burpee Seeds are nationally known and more widely planted than any other seeds in the country. All seeds that I have to offer are fresh, coming direct to me from the W. Atlee Burpee Company and are backed by the Burpee guarantee. Seeds are in full size colored packets with planting instructions on the back. Seeds are in stock and will be shipped immediately upon receipt of your order.

Flower	Variety	Price per Packet
Alyssum,	Little Gem	\$.10
Aster,	Giant Branching, Mixed .....	.10
Balsam,	Double Camellia Flowered, Mixed .....	.10
Calendula,	Double, Mixed .....	.10
Calliopsis,	Tall Mixed .....	.10
Candytuft,	Umbellata Mixed .....	.10
Castor Oil Bean,	Mixed .....	.10
Cosmos,	Early Single Mixed .....	.10
Cosmos,	Orange Flare, Early Flowering .....	.10
Four O'Clock,	Tall, Mixed .....	.10
Gourds,	Mixed .....	.10
Hollyhock,	Annual Mixed .....	.10
Larkspur,	Tall Double Mixed .....	.10
Nasturtium,	Burpee's Double Hybrids .....	.10
Poppy,	Iceland Poppy, Mixed .....	.15
Stocks,	Dwarf, Mixed .....	.10

BURPEE'S SPECIAL SUPER PACKETS

American Beauty Asters,	Mixed colors, large double flowers .....	.10
Mixed Annual Flowers,	Mixture of 15 annual flowers .....	.10
Morning Glory,	Heavenly Blue, Early blooming .....	.10
Marigolds,	Tall, big, mixed colors .....	.10
Petunias,	Florabunda, large, mixed colors .....	.10
Scabiosa,	Blue, white and pink, mixed .....	.10
Tall Giant Snapdragons,	Rust Resistant, mixed colors .....	.10
Gigantic Zinnias,	Mixed colors, Special Burpee blend .....	.10
Lilliput Zinnias,	Baby or Pompon Variety, mixed colors.....	.10

Vegetable	Variety	Price per Packet
Bush Bean,	Bountiful .....	.10
Yellow Bush Bean,	Pencil Pod Black Wax .....	.10
Pole Bean,	Kentucky Wonder .....	.15
Bush Lima Bean,	Burpee's Fordhook .....	.15
Pole Lima Bean,	King of the Garden .....	.15
Beet,	Detroit Dark Red .....	.10
Beet,	Crosby's Egyptian .....	.10
Cabbage,	Early Jersey Wakefield .....	.10
Cabbage,	Golden Acre .....	.15
Cabbage,	Copenhagen Market .....	.15
Cabbage,	Charleston Wakefield .....	.10
Cabbage (red),	Mammoth Red Rock .....	.15

Vegetable	Variety	Price per Packet
Carrot,	Danvers Half-Long	.10
Carrot,	Half-Long Nantes	.15
Carrot,	Chantenay	.10
Celery,	Giant Pascal	.15
Corn (yellow),	Golden Cross Bantam	.15
Corn (yellow),	Carmelcross	.15
Corn (yellow),	Golden Bantam	.10
Corn (white),	Stowell's Evergreen	.10
Corn (white),	Country Gentleman	.10
Cucumber,	Black Diamond	.10
Cucumber,	Boston Pickling	.10
Cucumber,	Extra Early White Spine	.10
Egg Plant,	Black Beauty	.25
Kale,	Blue Curled Scotch	.15
Lettuce (loosehead),	Grand Rapids	.10
Lettuce (head),	Imperial 847	.15
Lettuce (head),	New York No. 12	.15
Lettuce (loosehead),	Black Seeded Simpson	.10
Lettuce (butterhead),	Big Boston	.10
Muskmelon,	Hearts of Gold	.10
Muskmelon,	Fordhook	.15
Watermelon,	Stone Mountain	.10
Watermelon,	Burpee's Fordhook Early	.15
Onion,	Southport Yellow Globe	.10
Onion,	Prizetaker	.15
Parsnip,	Guernsey	.10
Pepper,	Worldbeater	.15
Pumpkin,	Small Sugar	.10
Pea,	World's Record	.10
Pea,	Alderman	.15
Pea,	Blue Bantam	.15
Pea,	Little Marvel	.10
Radish,	Sparkler	.10
Radish,	Early Long Scarlet Short Top	.10
Radish,	White Icicle	.10
Radish,	White Chinese	.15
Rutabaga,	American Purple Top, Yellow	.10
Spinach,	Nobel	.10
Spinach,	Bloomsdale Long Standing	.10
Swiss Chard,	Lucullus	.10
Squash,	Golden Summer Crookneck	.10
Squash,	True Hubbard	.10
Tomatoes,	Marglobe	.10
Tomatoes,	Pritchard (Scarlet Topper)	.10
Tomatoes,	Bonny Best	.10
Tomatoes,	Rutgers	.10
Turnip,	Extra Early Purple Top Milan	.10

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

Asparagus is one of the first vegetables to make an appearance in the spring, and it sure is a welcome change to the table. There is an ever increasing demand for asparagus for canning and freezing. Asparagus is easy to grow and a bed once established will continue to produce heavy crops for years, if properly cared for. Approximately 50 to 150 plants are adequate for the family garden. These roots are not grown by me, but are purchased from one of the country's largest growers of nursery stock. Please note that these are two year old roots and consequently are much larger than the one year old roots commonly offered in other nursery catalogs.

MARTHA WASHINGTON — 2 year

A result of select strain breeding, this strain contains much of the original Washington characteristics, in addition to having a heavier stalk, being a better producer, and being practically blight-resistant.

Prices for 2 year old roots:

25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.75; 100 for \$3.00. All postpaid.

RHUBARB ROOTS

Everyone knows of this favorite spring tonic that seems to thrive with practically no care. These roots, planted this spring, will furnish a few stalks next spring. Try a couple of plants in the corner of your garden.

Prices: Victoria — 15 cents each, postpaid.

RASPBERRY PLANTS

With the advent of the home freezer, raspberries have increased tremendously in popularity, with many new varieties being introduced each year. I have two of the better known varieties to offer this spring.

CHIEF

Chief produces a medium large fruit of bright red color, that is tops for quick freezing. A heavy producer, Chief is nearly immune to mosaic and mildew diseases and is an offspring of Latham that ripens 10 days earlier than Latham. The leading early variety.

LATHAM

Latham is the yardstick by which other raspberries are judged, and is unexcelled as a midseason to late bearer. Fruit is large, firm and of rich red color. Latham is extremely hardy and withstands very low temperatures.

Prices on Raspberry Plants — No. 1 grade:

12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00; 50 for \$4.00; 100 for \$7.75, all postpaid.

FRUIT TREES

I have also purchased from a well known nursery a quantity of Peach and Plum trees and can offer these trees to you at very low prices. These trees are smaller than the ordinary fruit tree which you purchase from other nurseries and consequently will receive practically no setback after transplanting. These trees are known to the trade as "liners," and are purchased by nurseries to grow for a couple of years before selling.

PEACHES

ELBERTA — An old favorite, large, a freestone and yellow
5/16 to 7/16 diameter — 35 cents each

GOLDEN JUBILEE — Early yellow, freestone, very hardy
5/16 to 7/16 diameter — 35 cents each

BELLE OF GEORGIA — White flesh, early freestone, hardy
5/16 to 7/16 diameter — 35 cents each

PLUMS

BURBANK — Large yellow fleshed, valuable for canning
12 to 18 inches tall — 30 cents each

ABUNDANCE — A rapid grower, medium size fruit, red
12 to 18 inches tall — 30 cents each

ALL FRUIT TREES SHIPPED POSTPAID

SPRUCE TREES

I have growing on the farm, about 100 spruce trees, suitable for landscape work. I cannot ship these trees but will dig them for you if you will let me know when you will call for them.

Prices on spruce trees — bare roots —

Up to 12 inches — \$1.00 each

12 to 24 inches — 1.50 each

24 to 36 inches — 2.00 each

Balled and burlaped — 25 cents extra.

VEGETABLE PLANTS

I expect to have my greenhouse full of vegetable plants this spring, and I am going to ship them out in small lots. If you are planting a home garden and desire a few plants, I am sure these will please you. They will be well packed and should reach you in good condition. As yet, I have not selected my varieties, but they will be the better known ones. Of course, I will have plants available in flats for those who wish to call for them, at current market prices.

Prices for vegetable plants. To be shipped:

Onion plants	\$.75 per 100	Cauliflower plants	\$.60 per dozen
Broccoli plants	.60 per dozen	Pepper plants	.85 per dozen
Cabbage plants	.50 per dozen	Tomato plants	.80 per dozen

All postpaid

FLOWER PLANTS

GERANIUMS

These geraniums are fine plants which I transplanted into 4" clay pots in early January. I hope to have them all budded up shortly before Memorial Day. If you go by the farm stop in and see them. They cannot be shipped but must be called for at the greenhouse. Only 150 available so get your order in early.

Ricard — red

Poitevine — pink

Olympic Red — red

All 60 cents each.

PANSY PLANTS

In back of my house, I have 2000 Swiss Giant pansies, which were transplanted in early September. Some of them have been blossoming all winter and have a wide range of colors. They will be put up in pansy baskets and will sell for 50 cents per basket. Sorry, they cannot be shipped. Order now and I will save them for you.

GARDEN SUPPLIES

FERTILIZER

Agrico fertilizer in small bags will be available at the farm during the planting season. Agrico is one of the best known names in fertilizers. Try some.

GARDEN TOOLS

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The famous Melco streamlined, cast aluminum garden set includes a —

Trowel — 11 inches long, 3¼ inches wide

Cultivator — 11 inches long, 2¾ inches wide

Transplanter — 11 inches long, 2 inches wide

Complete set weighs only 1 lb., 11½ oz.

Buy each individual piece at 60 cents each or a complete set for \$1.80 postpaid.

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ORDER A SET TODAY

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CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that CHARLES CRARY

of Norwich, Conn., has registered as a Nurseryman, that the nursery stock has been duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 265, of the Public Acts of 1925 (Sections 2135-2140, General Statutes, revision of 1930), and that it is apparently free from dangerously injurious insects and plant diseases.

This certificate expires August 1, 1949.

M. P. ZAPPE,
Deputy State Entomologist

R. B. FRIEND,
State Entomologist